

9-00 A.M.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Supplementary to (a) : Is it not necessary to find out and fix the responsibility upon the person who is responsible for the closure? It has not been done so far for the reason that the Congress Party has derived the benefit of Rs. 2,40,000 out of the company for their election funds.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I deny the insinuation. I could have called it mischievous but I do not want to call it so. It is very incorrect. I cannot go on making enquiries because everything has to be done under the Company Law.

[Many members rose to put supplementaries.]

Mr. SPEAKER.—I suggest members may kindly coordinate among themselves and have an half-an-hour discussion on this. If anybody writes to me, I will permit it. I don't mind devoting more time to this question but members should not afterwards complain. As a matter of fact, Sri Bhaskar Shetty was complaining severely yesterday that his question was not reached. Also two members got up and said "These are important questions." Members do not realise that.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—The Hon'ble Chief Minister was pleased to state that the provident fund is not accounted for and credited to Government. Is Government contemplating to give them awards like Padma Shri and other Shris in order to glorify them? What action has Government taken against those persons?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Government is taking every step to see that the factory is revived, improved and enlarged and more production is made. So far as punishment is concerned, I have already submitted that any action can be taken only under the Company Law.

Villages Electrified in Shorapur Taluk.

28. **Sri RAJA PID NAIK** (Shorapur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of villages electrified so far in Shorapur Taluk, Gulbarga District ;

(b) the number of villages yet to be electrified ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) 4.

(b) 169.

Sri RAJA PID NAIK.—What is the approximate period in which the electrification will be completed ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Electrification of all the 172 villages will take some time; it is very difficult to say now when all the villages are going to be electrified.

Sri RAJA PAID NAIK.—May I know atleast the number of villages the Government propose to take next year?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—We have already taken up for electrification during the current year five villages. In view of the fact that very few villages have been electrified in this taluka, I shall see that some more villages are taken up for electrification during the next year.

Construction of new Tank of Salegoan under Minor Irrigation Scheme.

29. Sri DIGAMBER RAO B. KALAMANKAR (Aland).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether sanction has been accorded for the construction of New Tank of Salegoan under the Minor Irrigation Scheme;

(b) if so, when the actual work would be started and the time required to complete the same;

(c) the number of acres of land that would be irrigated under the said scheme?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a).

(c) If the project is taken up an area of 1,232 acres would be irrigated.

(No Supplementaries)

Grant of Revenue Waste Land.

30. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of poor ryots were granted revenue waste land on bangami basis in Kaiga, Devkar villages of Karwar taluka;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of them have been cultivating these lands since 1951-52;